

Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness  
Minutes of  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

The Ad Hoc Committee to Address Homelessness of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met for a meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and at [www.Normanok.gov](http://www.Normanok.gov) twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Item no. 1 being: Committee Introductions**

Members Present: Eryn Tribble  
Lee Hall  
Lisa Krieg  
Cary Bryant

Members Absent: Michelle Evans

Staff Present: Jeanne Snider  
David Martin  
Tara Reynolds  
Anthony Purinton

Guests Present: Bill Scanlon  
Christian Tabak  
Richard Thomas  
Charles Crowell  
Jean Helmbright

**Item No. 2 being: Review of Summary Minutes from 06-22-2021 Meeting**

No changes.

**Item No. 3 being: Update on Strategic Homeless Plan**

- Salvation Army hosted a focus group last week.
- We will have some preliminary numbers around August/September from Homebase.

**Item No. 4 being: Update on Emergency Shelter**

- The shelter has now served 270 unduplicated individuals. 191 men and 73 women, and a few who did not identify their gender.
- Two training sessions have been held with shelter staff, with more planned for the future.
- Staff is currently completing a new Emergency Solutions Grant application due at the end of July. This grant will be for the operation of the shelter for one year. A stipulation of the grant is that it needs to be expended by January 2022, but staff has submitted a waiver to use to funds after that deadline.
- The lease on the building renews in September, and rent will go down to \$4,200 per month. It costs roughly \$35,000 a month to run the emergency shelter.
- Staff continues to work with neighbors to address any issues.

**Item No. 5 being: Encampment Update**

- We are addressing smaller scale encampments as they appear.
- No update on holding an ID event.
- A small encampment at Classen/Constitution was outreached, and a meeting with the property owner is this week.

- There were no reported emergencies from the flooding last week.

**Item No. 6 being: New Business**

- Discussion regarding hotel/motel vouchers – Food & Shelter and Thunderbird Clubhouse has the funding for those. Families are prioritized, and each agency has their own policies/procedures for disbursing the vouchers.
- Staff visited City Cares, and will share their thoughts on it with the committee at the next meeting.
- Interviews for the two new homelessness positions are being scheduled for next week.
- A representative from Embark will sit on the Coordinated Case Management Committee, and a representative from the Citizen Pottawattamie nation volunteered to help with housing Native Americans.
- Staff met with the Norman Chamber of Commerce and the Lindsey Street Merchants.

**Item No. 7 being: Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m.